



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 6985

Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5850

File No. 336

Cal. No. 254

"AN ACT CONCERNING PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES IN A CIVIL ACTION."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 51-243 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) In any civil action to be tried to the jury in the Superior Court, if
6 it appears to the court that the trial is likely to be protracted, the court
7 may, in its discretion, direct that, after a jury has been selected, two or
8 more additional jurors shall be added to the jury panel, to be known as
9 "alternate jurors". Alternate jurors shall have the same qualifications
10 and be selected and subject to examination and challenge in the same
11 manner and to the same extent as the jurors constituting the regular
12 panel. [In any case when the court directs the selection of alternate
13 jurors, each party may peremptorily challenge four jurors. Where the
14 court determines a unity of interest exists, several plaintiffs or several

15 defendants may be considered as a single party for the purpose of
16 making challenges, or the court may allow additional peremptory
17 challenges and permit them to be exercised separately or jointly. For
18 the purposes of this subsection, a "unity of interest" means that the
19 interests of the several plaintiffs or of the several defendants are
20 substantially similar.]

21 Sec. 2. Section 51-241 of the general statutes is repealed."